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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Applicant is reminded to use correct claim status identifiers (see claim 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by
Cosman (US 6,006,126).

Cosman discloses a system and method for stereotactic registration of image scan data including determining a positional relationship of the probe 1 to the head H by combining position data on the probe 1 with data from some imaging means such as CT, MRI, or X-ray scanners showing internal views (col 4, lines 43-55). Cameras 4, 5 are directed at a field including the patient's head H and the probe 1. The orientation and quantification of the camera coordinate data taken from the scan images in the cameras is registered by index spots 8A-C placed on the patient's head. Alternatively, these index spots may be a head ring which is fixed firmly on the patient's skull. When the index spots are in view of the cameras, the appropriate transformations are made by the processor DP based on the coordinates of the index markers which are known

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beforehand to the entire dataset (CT or MRI) of anatomy in the memory M. Thus, the reference points are used to relate objects in the camera fields of view to data for combination with the stored anatomical data (col 5, lines 46-62). Additionally, the probe carries two index markers as light sources 2, 3, wherein the cameras sense the orientation of such markers and thus of probe 1. Therefore, the physical position of the probe 1 relative to the interior CT or MRI data is also known. Since light sources 2, 3 are in a predetermined orientation relative to a tip 9 of the probe 1 (defined by object data), the actual physical location of the tip 9 relative to the anatomy may be computed in the processor DP (col 5, line 63-col 6, line 7).

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gildenberg (US 5,961,456).

Gildenberg discloses a system and method for displaying concurrent video and reconstructed surgical views including a video camera positioned stereotactically to view a surgical opening in a patient and provide data related to stereotactic space. A video camera provides image data, wherein a surgical view image is compared with a reconstructed image from graphics data. The camera is minimally obtrusive so as to allow the surgeon to view the surgical field by naked eye or by microscopic view. The comparable images in a single display are enabled by tracking and correlating the position of the camera to the patient. Thus, by utilization of stereotactic placement or registration of camera positions and patient anatomy, effective dual images (current actual and reference) may be provided in a single display (col 2, lines 35-62).

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Furthermore, reference image 15 may be from CT, MRI, or other internal imaging systems and can be provided in stereotactic space relative to the headring structure R by localizer means (col 3, lines 62-66). When utilizing the microscope referenced above, the microscope M may be referenced to the patient's head by sequentially focusing it on physical markers 50, 51, 52 borne on the patient's head H. Thus, by registering the microscope M with respect to the patient's head H and tracking it, the resulting data, indicating position and orientation relative to the patient's head, enables the formulation of computer graphics data (col 6, lines 35-41).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Accordingly, this action is made Non-Final.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL ROZANSKI whose telephone number is (571)272-1648. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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